Opposing Views of BRA

Passoni, Kelly Debate Focuses on Views of BRA

By Adam Smith

On the surface, there are several clear differences between district 2 city council candidates James Kelly and Susan Passoni.

He's a native of Southie, has been a Boston city councilor for nearly a quarter century, and is a former union man. She's a New York transplant, a door-knocking political newcomer, and a former research analyst for investment

But a major political difference between the two emerged at a candidate forum in Chinatown on October 17: their view of how

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One on One With Yoon

By M. Thang

Sam Yoon made history in Boston last month when he became the first Asian to win a preliminary election for at-large city councilor. On November 8, voters will go to the polls again. Only four of the eight candidates can claim victory. Will Sam Yoon make the final cut?

Yoon, who was born in Korea, is a former New Jersey school teacher, and Princeton University graduate. He earned a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University and has worked at the Asian

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Happy Birthday

This past August, Cheung Chin turned 109 years old. Or is it 111? Chin says that due to innaccurate birth records, her official birthdate is off by two years. But, hey, who's counting?! She is featured in a page 3 story about South Cove Manor's 20th anniversary. Photo by Diane Cordova

Recharged?

Advanced Electronics Resurrects As New Company

This Time the Employees are the **Owners**

By Adam Smith

Once a Chinatown success story, the now-defunct Advanced Electronics suffered a dramatic

drop in sales after its peak in 2000. Then, the struggling electronics manufacturer was hit last summer with protests tions of

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of its employees.

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Founders of the 30-year-old electronics manufacturer now say they hope the company can resolve its past problems and successfully resurrect itself with a new name, Adcotron EMS, Inc.,

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Motion to Intervene in Voting Suit Denied

But Chinatown Groups Say They're Pleased With Settlement

By Adam Smith

A panel of three U.S. District Council Judges denied on October 18 a motion filed by a group of residents and community organizations to intervene in a federal lawsuit against the City of Boston over voting rights. Though the groups said they are disappointed their motion was denied, they said they are pleased with a settlement that will bring more bilingual voting

materials and poll workers to

The U. S. Department of Justice filed the lawsuit against the City of Boston in July, accusing Boston's government of discriminating against voting citizens of Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese descent and violating the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. In addition, the suit, which focuses on violations against Hispanic voters, who make up a larger percentage of Boston's voting age population than do their Asian American

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September a "Quiet" Month

But Shooting in October By Adam Smith

September was a "relatively quiet month" in terms of crime, said Boston police captain Bernard O'Rourke, whose district includes Chinatown. October, however, got off to a violent start with one shooting close to Chinatown.

Few crimes resulted in injury during September. But in the first week of October, one man was murdered near Chinatown.

On October 3, close to 2:15

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INTERVIEW Pianist Ning An to Perform Oct. 22

Award-winning pianist Ning

By Diane Cordova

An will perform October 22 at 8 p.m. at Harvard University's Sanders Theatre. An's achievements include first prize at the 2003 William Kapell Piano Competition. An was born in Beijing, China, and came to the United States at eight years old. The 28-year-old

grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and

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by Lillian Chan

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editors:

Thank you for your detailed coverage of the City of Boston preliminary elections, including the tallied votes for each of the eight finalists both citywide and in the main Chinatown precinct. We often give more attention to national elections, but local elections are just as important. I just wanted to point out what I see as two small errors in your analysis.

First, while the Quincy School vote (Ward 3 Precinct 8) is generally seen as Chinatown, in fact because precinct lines don't always follow neighborhood lines as we define them, "the Chinatown vote" is divided between two precincts. Central Chinatown votes at the Quincy School, while Mass Pike Towers, South Cove Plaza East and West, Waterford Place, and Castle Square all vote at the Franklin Institute (Ward 5 Precinct 1). A better sense of the size and voting patterns of Chinatown lies somewhere within these two

Secondly, I thought it was curious how the Sampan characterized the at-large race, with an

emphasis on a perceived competition between Yoon and Arroyo. In fact, my read of the Chinatown results is that Yoon and Arroyo received support from largely the same block of voters.

Sincerely, Lydia Lowe

Editor's note: The writer raises a good point about including results for Ward 5, Precinct 1. We are including the results below.

We did not include the results in the original story because the City of Boston legally defines that ward and precinct as a section of the

South End, which also includes many residents who do not reflect the Chinatown vote.

As for the second point in the letter, we feel the story focused on the fact that Yoon, Arroyo and Patricia White all scored highly in the preliminary for Ward 3, Precinct 8.

To read the story,
"Chinatown's Top
Preliminary Votes: Asian,
Latino, Woman" go to
http://www.sampan.org/show
_article.php?display=210.

Here are the top eight results for Ward 5, Precinct 1:

1.Felix Arroyo, 238 votes

2. Sam Yoon, 204 votes

3. Michael Flaherty, 151 votes

4. John Connolly, 117 votes

5. Matt O'Malley, 107 votes

6. Patricia White, 93 votes

7.Kevin McCrea, 66 votes 8. Stephen Murphy, 56 votes

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Celebrating 20 Years of Care

South Cove Manor Celebrates Service to Chinese Elders

By Diane Cordova and Adam Smith

The lines in Cheung Chin's face reveal the long life she has lived.

Over the past century, she has experienced a revolution in China, imprisonment by China's communist government, immigration to the United States, and her husband's death nine years ago.

According to official birth records, she was born on August 10, 1896 -though Chin said she was actually born two years earlier, making her 111 years

During what she calls her "hard life," Chin worked on a farm in China and as an embroiderer in Hong Kong.

When she was about 60 years old, she and her family left for America, to escape China's communist government.

By now, she's outlived many of her family members and friends. Her husband died in 1996.

Though she's alert and can easily recall her younger years, Chin is confined to a wheel chair and can't communicate in English.

Like many elderly, she depends on nurses and aides to prepare her meals, help her bathe, keep her as active as possible, give her comfort, and respond in case of a medical emer-

And like most Chinese elderly who can't speak English, she could have risked spending her final years isolated in a nursing home where no one speaks her language or understands her culture.

But she didn't.

Chin, who came to South Cove Manor in 2001, is now the oldest patient in the Chinatown-area nurshome, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary, starting this weekend.

The nursing home's upcoming anniversary marks a milestone that was achieved after years of toil and planning by its founders. The concept of South Cove Manor developed when its founders saw a need for care and support for the elderly Chinese who had resided in conventional nursing homes.

Amy Guen is one of the key founders of South Cove Manor.

Guen, who was born on Oxford Street in Chinatown and was orphaned as a child, spent 12 years of her youth in China. Shortly after she returned to Massachusetts in 1946 to study social work at Boston College, she started volunteering in nursing homes in

Tewksbury, Brookline, Dorchester and Roxbury. She helped with translation and interpretation.

Guen said she saw the Chinese patients at these conventional nursing homes sit in isolation.

"(They) felt very helpless," said Guen.

"You can see their sadness and you feel sorry for them," said Billy Chin, Guen's brother, a prominent Chinatown businessman who is also a founder of South Cove Manor.

Though Guen said she was in her 20s when the idea of starting a Chinese nursing home came to her, it wasn't until 1974 when planning for the nursing home began.

Chin, who at the time was involved with 18 Chinese restaurants including China Pearl, would help with the fundraising -which would prove to be the most challenging task.

The two would call on friends and others in Chinatown, such as Helen Chin Schlichte, also well known in the Chinatown community, to help with the effort. The group of founders would meet at China Pearl every Monday to discuss and plan the

By 1979 -- after years of planning sessions and hard work -- things started to take shape. The Boston Redevelopment Authority designated a plot of land on 120 Shawmut Ave. for the home. Then, the group applied for a Certificate of Determination of Need from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and was granted the certificate, a necessary state requirement to building a nursing home. Although the state gave them the go-ahead to move forward, and the city gave them the land, they still needed to raise the money to make the home a reality.

Because of rising costs of construction materials and other price increases, the amount of money they needed to build the home ballooned, from \$3 million in 1977, to \$5 million in

"We raised money but we also spent money," said

Her brother, Billy Chin, recalled when he was trying to get a donation from the late Dr. An Wang of the Wang Foundation. The group trying to create the nursing home had trouble getting Dr. Wang to donate. Finally, Chin resorted to tracking down Dr. Wang at a reception in Chinatown and tugging on his jacket. Chin told Dr. Wang that everyone else in the community had already given to the South Cove Manor effort, except him. Wang responded by giving a check for \$10,000 - "to keep me quiet," said Chin, smil-

Through their fundraising efforts, they eventually

raised several hundred thousand dollars from the Chinese community, foundations and corporations in Boston, and secured a loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. But it wasn't without drama. Chin, Guen and other founders recall that upon securing the mortgage loan through HUD, they had one week to raise \$348,000.

"It wasn't even a letter of credit," said Chin Schlichte. "It had to be cash."

Guen recalled the rush to make the deadline, saying that board member Bob Chin announced: "Put your money where your mouth is," and took \$35,000 from his retirement fund to loan to the effort.

In the end, the money eventually came in on time from friends and board members of South Cove Manor, and on April 14, 1984, ground broke on what would become South Cove Manor Nursing Home.

On a recent weekday at South Cove Manor, a group of Cheung Chin's peers were sitting in their wheelchairs and playing mahjong, as they usually do on afternoons. The women, all of whom are in their 80s and 90s, studied each other's moves while they carefully handled the game's tiles. As they finished each round, they would sometimes dispute who was the actual winner.

But it was all in good

"This really keeps your mind going," said Hom Lai, a 98-year-old woman from China, about the game. "Everyday I play mahjong. It's very good to play. It's good for your brain; it's good for your heart."

While Lai and her friends competed at the game that afternoon, another group of seniors, also in wheelchairs, performed tai chi for their upper body.

In a nearby room, others watched Chinese television, which is fed into the nursing home via satellite.

South Cove Manor's services to its Chinese residents can be seen throughout the nursing home, from the dining area where authentic Chinese food like oxtail soup is served, to the in-house library where patients and their families can borrow Chinese books and periodicals.

Residents participate in a variety of activities, ranging from mahjong to tai chi to calligraphy class and watercolor painting.

Most of the 145-person staff at the 100-bed nursing home speaks Chinese.

"South Cove Manor is the only all-Chinese nursing home ... in the eastern United States," said George Brodie, the home's administrator.

As for Cheung Chin, she calls her experience at the Chinese nursing home "very good" and said she enjoys living with the other Chinese residents.

"Like a huge family." That's how several staff members -- of all levels and positions -- at South Cove Manor describe their experience working there. Brodie, the home's administrator, boasts of a nearzero percent turnover rate at the home. And interviews with much of the staff reveal many have been there for years -- 10, 15, and 20 years.

Registered nurse Marylou Falletti, one of South Cove Manor's few non-Chinese employees, has worked there for about

When I first came here, I was very intimidated by the language and I was going to leave (after the first day). But I said, no, I've got to role with the punches."

Though she decided to tough it out, she did encounter several culture shocks. Once Falletti told a coworker that she liked Chinese food and that fried chicken fingers was her favorite dish. Days later, the coworker brought Falletti not fried chicken

fingers, but real chicken feet.

But over the years, Falletti got used to the food and culture and even picked up some medical terms in Cantonese.

She says her coworkers keep her there.

"This is the most consistent, organized place for geriatric nursing.

The staff, some of whom are trained nurses who've come straight to the home from China, is trained to help patients with a number of afflictions, including multiple sclerosis, kidney failure, dementia, schizophrenia and heart disease.

For 11 straight years, the South Cove Manor has received a "zero deficiency" rating from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which means that state inspectors found no complaints or problems with quality at the home.

In addition, according to Medicare's nursing home rating, the home received perfect scores for 2003 and 2004. During the most recent inspection this year, inspectors marked three non-critical deficiencies at the home, which is still below the state average of six, and well below the national average of eight deficiencies.

"Obviously we're very proud (of the home)," said board member and founder Helen Chin Schlichte, reflecting on the 20 years of operation. "But we're always striving for excellence. We can't just rest on our laurels."

Besides keeping operating expenses within a tight budget mostly funded through Medicare and Medicaid, the biggest challenge at the home is capacity. With only 100 beds, the home is often filled and has to turn away new residents.

'We know that we're bursting at the seams... we know that there's a growing Asian elderly population," said Chin Schlichte.

Brodie and managing director Richard Wong also talk of the home's need to expand, and say they're eyeing different ways to do

"We're essentially at 100% capacity, and we've been doing that for many, many years," said Brodie. "So there's an obvious need in the community for us to have more beds.'

South Cove Manor will celebrate its 20-year anniversary, starting October 25. On that day, the home will hold an open house from 4-6 p.m. at its 120 Shawmut Ave. headquarters. A community dinner will also be held at China Pearl on October 28, 6-9 p.m.

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Kelly and Passoni debate in Chinatown's Josiah Quincy School.

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Passoni, Kelly Dispute BRA's Record in Chinatown

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Boston Redevelopment Authority handles the redevelopment of the neighborhood.

Passoni portrayed the BRA, the city's planning and development arm, as an unaccountable agency run amok. Kelly, meanwhile, suggested that while the BRA may not be perfect, it has done much good for Chinatown and the rest of the city.

Taking a Chinatown resident's question about the city's need for affordable housing, Kelly said he's worked closely with the BRA to bring housing to Chinatown. He said new housing opportunities are being created with the recently built Metropolitan building, the Park Essex building, which is under construction, and the soonto-be-built Kensington

Once all three projects are completed, Kelly said, they would be bring a combined total of 242 new, affordable housing units to Chinatown.

Passoni, however, called the lack of affordable housing in the city a "crisis," and said that a "clear discrepancy" exists between what is called "affordable housing" and what low-income residents can actually afford to pay for housing.

If elected, she said, she would advocate recalculating the affordable housing guidelines to better reflect the earnings of the city's

"It's a shame that we are losing you because you cannot afford to live here,

said Passoni to the audience of about 80.

High-rise luxury housing developments and a perceived lack of lowincome housing in Chinatown have long been two key concerns among many in the community. Much of Chinatown is zoned for eight to 10 stories, and many residents earn far below the average city incomes -- according to some studies, Chinatown residents earn an average annual income of about

Several people have opposed two of the highrises that Kelly spoke of, Kensington Place and Park Essex. At 30 stories, Kensington Place, will create 346 units of market-rate or luxury housing, and 61 units of so-called affordable housing. At 28 stories, Park Essex will bring 439 units of luxury units, 66 of which will be affordable.

The 23-story Metropolitan project, despite its height, was generally accepted in the community because of its high percentage of affordable units - 115 out of 251 total

Passoni accused the BRA of using the Combat Zone -- the city's only adult entertainment district -- to promote out-of-scale developments, such as Park Essex and Kensington Place. Those buildings will occupy large portions of the adult entertainment district and prevent new strip clubs from moving in.

She called the agency's dual role as a planning and development agency a "conflict of interest" and said that if elected, she

would advocate for more oversight over the BRA. She also said that Kelly, along with other councilors, gave up an opportunity to limit the BRA's powers when voting in December to extend the BRA's ability to use eminent domain. Passoni also criticized the BRA for encouraging the demolition of the nearly century old Gaiety Theatre to make way for Kensington Place.

Kelly, however, suggested that voting to extend the BRA's eminent domain powers -- the power to take private property for new development -- was a reasonable and necessary compromise. He also said that while he was a city councilor, the number of strip clubs in the adult entertainment district, which abuts Chinatown, has shrunk from about two dozen to

Kelly said that in the cases of the three Chinatown developments, the BRA "went far beyond what was legally required" of it to provide affordable

Kelly also said that Passoni was taking a "shotgun approach" in her criticisms of the BRA.

"I know it's popular in some circles to be critical of the BRA. And on numerous occasions, I have found myself in vehement disagreement with the BRA. But like a stopped clock, which is correct twice a day, so is the BRA correct on occasion."

Kelly did not give specific examples of when he was in opposition to the BRA.

"New Boston" Focus of Council Debate



Left to right: O'Malley, Flynn, Yoon, and Arroyo at the Oct. 19 depate, Dennis The

By Adam Smith

It was all about the "New Boston" at an at-large Boston city council debate on October 19 at UMass Boston. Unlike other council candidate debates, questions at this one came exclusively from members of Boston's minority press: Sampan, The Bay State Banner, and Univision.

Each of the eight candidates -- Felix Arroyo, John Connolly, Michael Flaherty, Edward Flynn, Stephen Murphy, Matt O'Malley, Patricia White, Sam Yoon -- competing for the four at-large council seats, attended the debate, which was sponsored by the university's Center on Media and Society.

Some questions posed to the councilors related to specific neighborhoodrelated issues, such as What do you think of plans to install police cameras in Chinatown? Other questions pertained to broader citywide issues, such as, Do you support a civilian review board of the police department with subpoena powers?

Most candidates tried to position themselves as members of the "New Boston" -- a term used to describe Boston's growing diversity - while others focused on their past performance on the council.

Case in point: O'Malley, who managed Sheriff Andrea Cabral's successful campaign last year, said he "helped create" the New Boston, while Murphy stressed that he has the experience of serving on the council for nine years - longer than any of

the other candidates. "Don't forget," said

Murphy, "Boston is a \$2 billion operation." Flynn noted his military experience and said he would focus on home-

land security for Boston and reducing Boston's "terrible" drug problem. When asked about how the candidates would com-

municate with minority communities, Murphy said it's a city councilor's responsibility to be in the neighborhoods, listening to the concerns of minorities.

White focused on diversity in terms of gen-

If not elected, said White, there might be only one woman on the entire city council. She was referring to incumbent Maureen E. Feeney of district 3, who is competing against newcomer Michael

Connolly, meanwhile, stressed his volunteer work teaching adolescent boys from low-income families in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, and said the cornerstone of his campaign is improving Boston's public schools.

Arroyo, the city's first Latino councilor, and

Yoon, the first Asian American to run for council, appeared to support each other, though they had differing views on specific issues. Arroyo said he would support a civilian review board for police because it would create transparency; Yoon said he would not likely support such a review board because it would not be "trust building." Before the debate, Arroyo, along with other non at-large councilors, announced their support for Yoon's candidacy

At one point during the event, Arroyo asked Yoon how he would balance representing the Asian community and the city at

Yoon said as councilor his job will be to represent everyone, but that he would not "shirk" his responsibility to also attend to the needs of Asian American residents, and that if elected he would work to hire Cantonese-speaking and Vietnamese-speaking assistants.

Crime FROM PAGE 1

a.m., Boston Police officers shot and killed a man whom they say was firing a gun near a crowd of people at 100 Warrenton Street in the Theater District, near Chinatown.

The victim of the gunman died later that same day. Another man was injured and treated for wounds that resulted from the same incident. Police said it's not clear if that man was injured by shots fired from police or the suspect. Police have recovered the weapon and are investigating the incident, which was the second homicide this year in Area A-1, which includes Chinatown.

Also this month, six teenage males sprayed an elderly woman in the face

with pepper spray on October 7 at about 8 p.m. while she was walking down Oxford Street in Chinatown.

The six men fled the scene immediately after, said police. They did not further attack or steal from the woman.

Police would not release the name of the victim, who has recovered from the assault, but did say that she is Asian, from Quincy, and 65 years old.

Police are investigating the crime and have not made any arrests vet.

Other incidents reported to police so far in October include the following:

* October 12 A suspect was arrested for cocaine possession at 51 Stuart St.

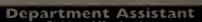
* October 7, 9:10 p.m. Police arrested a woman on Tamworth Street because she was caught carrying drugs. She also had several outstanding warrants.

October 6, midnight A suspect was arrested on Beach Street for drugs.

* October 5, 8:32 p.m. A woman reported to police that her purse was stolen while she was on Kneeland Street. The suspect fled towards Oak Street. Police have not arrested anyone for the crime.

* October 17, 11 p.m. Police responded to 106 Tyler St. to a man who was bleeding from the head from stab wounds and lying on the sidewalk. October 17, 11:28 p.m. A victim was stabbed near New England Medical Center.

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Advanced Electronics Resurrects As New Company

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and new leadership. It is likely the new company will assemble printed circuit boards and other components for electronics equipment and products just as Advanced Electronics did.

Directors of Adcotron, which incorporated on October 17, are all former employees of Advanced Electronics. Nearly all the previous directors have left, including the company's former chief executive officer, Ching-Wah Wong, who departed last summer.

Founded in 1976, Advanced Electronics began with only \$30,000 but grew into a \$45 million company by the height of the "Dot.com" boom in 2000. At the time, the company also employed hundreds of people, mostly Chinese immigrants. In 1999, Inc. Magazine included the manufacturer in its list, "The Inner City 100 -America's Fastest Growing Companies."

But ever since the company began losing money. By 2003, its total revenue plummeted to around \$30 million. Insiders say that in 2004 and this year, sales dropped even more. The company also began a series of layoffs, dropping over 100 employees.

Founders say the reason for the downturn was largely because of increased competition for electronics manufacturers in China, outsourcing to overseas companies, and a lack of effective marketing by Advanced Electronics.

A director of the new company said he could not yet discuss the company's plans, structure or finances.

Stanley Chao, the founder of Advanced Electronics, however, said he viewed the creation of the new company as a positive move and that he expected it to be successful.

They have a good foundation, and with the right marketing effort the chances for the company to start growing again are

very good," said Chao, who retired from the company in April of 2002, but was invited back on the board in 2004 and 2005. He said he does not plan to have a director or management role at the new company but is open to acting as a consultant.

Chao said one of the reasons he founded Advanced Electronics was to bring more employment opportunities to Chinese immigrants, whom he said were often stuck working either in restaurants or laundries. In the early 1970s, he owned a company in Burlington, Mass., but was invited by the Chinese **Economic Development** Council to start a company near Chinatown that would bring jobs to immigrant

The company was previously located at 210 South St. and 112 Beach St. on the edge of Chinatown, but later moved to South Boston.

Chao said several employees would start out at Advanced Electronics and then move on to other nearby electronics companies like Teradyne.

Despite its initial goals of providing skilled work for Chinese immigrants, earlier this year the company was accused by former employees and the Chinese Progressive Association, a Chinatown advocacy group, of paying low wages, age and sex discrimination, and giving poor severance packages to longtime workers. Some former directors at the company, along with Chao, agreed that there were problems with the treatment of employees at the time. At the height of the protests, a director of Advanced Electronics had agreed that the severance pay should be reviewed -- though the employer was not legally required to give severance to most of the workers. But he said that accusations of sex and age discrimination were not true.

Chao, who retired years before the labor disputes

arose, also acknowledged that employees who were laid off in recent years did not get consistent severance packages. But he said the company is close to reaching an agreement with the laid-off workers, who had filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Equal **Employment Opportunity** Commission with the help of the Chinese Progressive Association. Karen Chen of the association also confirmed that an agreement was close, but she said she did not think employees would be compensated as fully as they deserved. The agreement, according to Chen, will give workers who were laid off between 2001 and 2005 one week of pay for each year of service, up to 15 years. The U.S. EECO representative handling the case did not return a phone call from

Chen said she felt workers who were with the company for longer than 15 years should be compensated for each year of service.

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Chao suggested the problems began as the company's sales dropped in recent years and that previously employees enjoyed a better working environ-

"I remember clearly in 1999, we gave a Christmas party in China Pearl and we gave everybody \$1,999 bonuses as a Christmas gift," said Chao. He also said there were additional employee benefits, such as a 401K plan.

In addition, Chao said that because the directors and officers of Adcotron were former staff and management members of Advanced Electronics, Adcotron will better benefit the employees.

"We all feel that... the employees are the ones who have been contributing to the growth of the company through the many years," he said.

Voting Right Settlement

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counterparts, alleges that Boston's government failed to provide adequate Spanish-language information to voters.

The U.S. Department of Justice and the City of Boston had reached a settlement in the case on September 15. But the community groups, which include the Chinese Progressive Association and the Chinatown Resident Association, say they wanted to intervene though they support the settlement - because they want to work directly with the city to ensure the demands of the settlement are met and to "guard against any backsliding."

'I'm disappointed by the court's ruling but not entirely surprised," said Cynthia Mark, a lawyer for **Greater Boston Legal** Services, which is representing the groups, which also include City Life/Vida Urbana, and voters Siu Tsang, Fung Yung, Yan Hui, and Maria Altreche.

Mark and others involved in the motion suggested that the judges' line of questioning during a hearing on October 17 portended the following decision.

At one point in the hearing, Judge Sandra L. Lynch told an attorney for the groups hoping to intervene in the case: "Your clients may be better off not pursuing this motion."

The judges indicated that because there was no "live controversy," meaning the Department of Justice and the City of Boston had already reached a settle-

ment, it would make more sense to try to intervene only if an actual dispute arose, for example, if the groups discovered city election officials failed to meet some demands of the settlement.

In the settlement, Boston's city government agreed to provide ballots, registration notices, and other voting materials, in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, as well as provide translators for voters and trained poll workers. In addition, Boston has agreed to allow federal observers to monitor elections in Boston though

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 requires that cities and towns with "substantial" populations of voters who have primary languages other than English provide voting-related materials in those lan-

Though Mark expressed dissatisfaction with the decision, she said it's important not to "lose our focus of what was achieved in this case."

The settlement, she said, will help not only Asian Americans and Hispanics, but also the entire immigrant population of Boston. "There will be greater sensitivity to people who are citizens but are not completely fluent in English," said

A total of 388,579 of

Boston's 589,141 residents are of voting age. Hispanic residents in Boston who are of voting age make up close to nine percent of the city's voting age population, according to the 2000 Census, while the voting age populations of Chinese American and Vietnamese American residents combined make up less than four percent. About half the Chinese American voting age population of Boston -and less than 40% the Vietnamese population -- ' can speak English proficiently.

The Chinese Progressive Association's director, Lydia Lowe, said that she had hoped the groups could serve as eyes and ears during elections to ensure the demands of the settlement are met.

"We've had a lot of respect for the Department of Justice," she said. "But our concern is ...that they're in D.C. We're (the ones) who are here.

Lowe, who had accused the city of mistreating Chinese voters in past elections, will have some ability to advise the city this time. She recently joined a city taskforce that will help advise Boston's election department on improving immigrant access to city elections.

The Department of Justice, which made no official comment on the motion, indicated during

the October 17 hearing that by allowing the community groups to intervene in the case, it could upset the "balance" of the settlement achieved with the city.

The department, however, did comment on the settlement. "We're glad that the court has approved the settlement with the City of Boston that provides com-

prehensive relief to minority language voters," said Eric Holland, a spokesperson for the Department of

The city took no position on the motion to inter-

In addition to bringing more multilingual access to, city-elections, Lowe said the suit also brought out

immigrant voters, especially Chinese voters, to discuss rights violations with the Department of Justice.

"There were a lot of individual voters who came out to testify," she

they would be burger

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Yoon's Views FROM PAGE 1

Community Development Corporation in Chinatown. He's been called smart, progressive, boyish, and, oddly enough, a Harry Potter look-alike.

The Sampan sat down with the first-time political contender and new Dorchester resident for a closer look at his views on education, Boston city politics, gentrification in Chinatown, and more. (The full interview is online at www.sampan.org.)

EDUCATION

What do you propose to do to improve education? The key to improving schools is to keep in mind that "smaller is better" smaller class size, smaller schools, smaller communities. Smaller is better to meet a variety of needs in the classroom. I propose that we place greater emphasis on school leadership, at the principal level primarily. Third, resources - financial resources from the city budget. We ought to consider: What is the true cost of educating every single child in the Boston Public School system - and meet that cost in whatever way we can.

My son goes to the Boston Public Schools [BPS], in a class of 12 kids and two teachers. My son will get the attention he needs in a smaller community of learning. He goes to a pilot school, which is a Boston public school, unlike a charter school. A charter school is independently chartered by the state; a pilot school stays within the system. That's an important distinction. A principal in a pilot school has the power to hire his own teachers and gets to devise his or her own curriculum. The principal has a lot of flexibility to run the school - and that, I see, is a model for the BPS.

HOUSING and the MID-DLE CLASS

Is it inevitable that the middle class must leave Boston because of the rising cost of housing?

If the housing market is as bad as it is now, it will force the middle class to leave. But we have to focus on housing and schools. The middle class is largely families. To keep the middle class in Boston, we have to build affordable homes for families and rebuild confidence in the Boston public schools. Private schools are expensive.

How would you encourage developers to build for this segment of the market, the middle class?

Subsidy from the state and the city, and creating inclusionary zoning requirements, to require building that kind of housing. But we can't forget low-income families. I'm a strong supporter of the Community Stabilization Act. The CSA is a proposal of the city council that was defeated. It

would've protected tenants from exorbitant, rent increases. That's important.

GENTRIFICATION

Some have said that

Chinatown is in danger of gentrification. What are your thoughts? Gentrification is what happens when luxury housing actually replaces lowincome or middle-income housing. Certainly Chinatown is threatened to lose a lot of its character because of places like Liberty Place and Kensington Place [both are high-rise apartment towers slated for Chinatown]. I know and am able to use the investment of literally hundreds of millions of dollars and convert some of that into affordable housing. We use all this money that's being poured into high-end housing and slice off a piece of that -- you work with the developer to do that -- and then you take the money and invest it in low-income housing, so that some of the housing is affordable. That's the type of development that would preserve Chinatown as a working-class neighbor-

Are you opposed to the gentrification of Chinatown? I don't think there has been a significant loss of affordable units. Luxury housing is just being built elsewhere. But so much luxury (developments are) being built. That's going to change the make-up of Chinatown. Who's moving into Chinatown? It's wealthy people. My worry is that a lot of them will care less about the workingclass people in Chinatown. Maybe they won't frequent their businesses. They might have a different attitude toward what Chinatown should look like. They'll demand services that are more or too expensive for residents, the immigrants, of Chinatown.

PUBLIC SAFETY

How would you achieve safer neighborhoods? Law enforcement is one piece of the solution. Police staffing levels are at an alltime low. We used to have 2,300 police officers on the force citywide. Now we're at about 1,800. We need to increase the number of specialized police officers who are trained (and who build) relationships with community leaders and with people in the streets. That's the long-term solution to preventing crime: getting to understand and work with the residents and the people

Regarding the Chinatown crime watch, individuals are paying out of pocket to have the accompanying police detail during their street patrols. What do you think about this financial arrangement? It (the creation of the private crime watch) is tremendously commendable. At the same time, I wish there was more public commitment to supplying

on the streets.

law-enforcement resources for Chinatown.

What do you think about them having to pay out of pocket for police protection?
Well, where does the money come from? The money comes from businesses (and private donations).

Do you think that's a good solution?
It's a good temporary solution

What would be the ideal solution?

The ideal solution is for the city budget to supply the patrols necessary for Chinatown.

So the crime-watch organizers, the individuals, shouldn't have to pay? The city should pay for the police detail to accompany them on their patrols? The city should supply more police details and community police officers to patrol Chinatown. That's the bottom line. If that's not happening, then it's important for private citizens to step in and do whatever it takes

LACK of POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

You've told the Sampan that your lack of political experience is a good thing. How so? My lack of ties to the political establishment is a good thing because there's a strong feeling in Boston that city government has been in the hands of too few people... for too long. City government has been in the realm of political insiders. It's important for a city council to reflect the diverse range of experiences and perspectives (of residents) because that's what our city is. [According to the U.S. Census, the population of Boston is now more than half minority.]

I have experience that matters more than political experience to the city council, like (experience in) affordable housing, real estate development, financial management, urban planning, teaching, training in economics, statistics. These all matter to city government.

You've said that you have skills in economic development. How does that translate into what you'd bring to economic development for the City of Boston? I understand what it takes for a business district to succeed and, if it fails, the causes of its failure; what you need to develop a workforce, to develop good jobs and training for those jobs; where the money comes from to invest in programs that teach people ESL or job skills. I understand how that feeds into making a better economy for a neighborhood or an entire city.

BOSTON POLITICS

You said that you'd give Mayor Menino a grade of Bfor his job performance. Why not a B+ or an A-? I give the mayor credit for working really hard. He genuinely does care, but the city can do a lot, lot better. The BRA (Boston Redevelopment Authority, which is the real-estate planning and development agency of the city) is a real problem. The schools have a long way to go toward being the kind of quality that we need in the city. Also, basic city services like sanitation, for just one example - can be improved.

Would you like to run for mayor?

[laughter] I'm going to take things one step at a time.

Is there anything you would change about the BRA, and why?

A lot of the BRA's resources are dedicated to planning. By planning, I mean that the BRA has the software programs that can design like architectural drawings. The BRA has a great, map facility and people who can do economic analysis and census statistics. Those are all important functions (for) long-range planning. I think that all that should be under the control of the city council - and out of control of the BRA.

What about the development part of the BRA? Another major function is that they assist developers (and help them) get through the approval process. The BRA can continue to do that, but it needs to be more accountable to more than just the mayor. It should be accountable to the city council, too. The BRA often simply takes the side of the developer as opposed to the community. The BRA has a lack of accountability. The BRA needs to respect communities and neighborhoods much, much more.

Do you think the BRA is too much in the pockets of developers?
Oh, absolutely.

THE ASIAN VOTE

What else should voters know about Sam Yoon?
By virtue of being Asian, I will understand the concerns (of Asian Americans) in a way that non-Asians would take more time to get

I look forward to ways in which (Vietnamese residents in Fields Corner and Chinese residents in Chinatown) can work together on common goals. I would like to help play that role as an elected official and as someone with ties to both communities —as neither a Chinese or Vietnamese — so no favoritism! (laughter)

How can Asians be assured that you won't forget about them if you're elected?
They can be assured by simply calling me. And if I don't do a good job, don't elect me in 2007.

ON FAMILY and HARRY POTTER

Does your family think you're



Sam Yoon in the campaign office. Photo by M. Thang

[laughter] They did, yeah.
My son is too young to really understand. But he's having fun with it even though he's only three. He wears my "Sam Yoon" stickers to bed every night. He really hopes that I win.

Why do people say you look like Harry Potter? [laughter] It's my glasses and because I look young. Even Asians are surprised to learn that I'm 35 years old.

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The ads were paid for by a grant from the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development and developed by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund, the National Fair Housing Alliance, and the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development.

The goal of the ads is to help Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders recognize and report housing discrimination.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that one in five Asian Americans faces housing discrimination. A study conducted by HUD in 2003 revealed that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans - when compared to whites - received "consistent adverse treatment" when seeking housing. The rate of housing discrimination was similar to the rates of discrimination towards blacks and Hispanics, showed the study. Boston was one of the 11 U.S. cities studied.

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Ning An **FROM PAGE 1**

attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Now, he teaches a as an artist in residence at Lee University in Tennessee. Sampan recently caught up with Ning An for an interview.

What will you play on October 22? Some music from the classical period...Haydn, Mozart, Chopin.

Describe your style of music. I put on the costume of the music I play. The specific character of that composer that music - comes out. I connect the music to the audience.

When did you start playing the piano? When I was four-and-a-half years old, but I really became interested when I was 12 or 13 years old.

How did you get started playing the piano? My parents. Both of my parents were musicians. His mother was a singer and his father was a pianist.]

Who or what inspires you? A lot of musicians...the jazz pianist, Keith Jarrett. I think the last inspiring thing was walking along the coast of Spain and listening to the waves. It reminded me of the pulse

What are your goals? Just to perform and teach and just to be the best musician I can be.

of music. Art and music is

a reflection of the life the

artist or musician leads.

What would you like to be known for?

An honest musician, who works hard at his craft, always striving to do his best and loves his craft.

What is your favorite music? Classical, jazz, pop and rock, but mainly classical and jazz.

Do you have any advice for aspiring pianists/musicians? Perseverance. Sometimes people expect things to come easily. If you really love it, keep at it.

(See calendar on page 8 for event information)

By Matthew Kung

If you've ever drunk a

glass of milk only to have a

later - such as gas, bloating

you may be suffering from

lactose intolerance. Lactose

the body is unable to digest

number of undesirable

effects a couple of hours

or cramps - chances are

intolerance occurs when

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As for the arrests in September, there were 34. Six were drug-related, one was for a handbag snatching, four were for prostitution, and 10 were for illegal gun possession.

Police said that while the illegal gun possession arrests are disturbing, there were only three actual incidents that led to the 10 arrests. Most of the arrests were made after police noticed suspects with drugs in their cars. In one such arrest on September 17, police stopped a car in the

Chinatown and smelled marijuana in the vehicle. Upon further inspection, they found two guns and arrested all six individuals in the car.

"We're seeing a lo nore of these incidents across the city," said O'Rourke of the gun arrests.

In one of the few violent crimes in September, a construction worker on Washington Street was attacked on September 28 at 8 p.m. by a man armed with a knife. After a foot chase, police caught the suspect and arrested him.

New Home Approved for Two Chinatown Non-Profits

Redevelopment Authority approved the Chinatown Community Education Center project on October 20. The project is a new six-story building at 87 Tyler Street. The proposed building will be the home

of two non-profits, the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) and the Kwong Kow Chinese School (KKCS). AACA helps immigrants with job training, literacy and college preparation; it also publishes the Sampan.

KKCS offers Chinese culture and language instruction to children. The proposed allocation of space would be about 24,000 square feet for AACA including a daycare center, and 18,000 for the KKCS.

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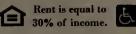
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lactose, the primary sugar found in milk, ice cream and other dairy products. The condition stems from the body's deficiency of lactase, an intestinal enzyme required to break down lactose into digestible substances called glucose and galactose.

What's Wrong with the Milk?

When lactose is ingested by a lactose-intolerant individual, he or she may have symptoms such as bloating, gas, cramps, nausea and diarrhea, just a short time after the ingestion. Development of symptoms, however, can differ greatly from one person to the next. Often the limit to how much lactose one can tolerate may range widely. After drinking a glass of milk, some may show no symptoms at all, while others may be affected by even the smallest quantity of lactose. Some people cannot eat cheese or even baked goods without suffering symptoms.

If you know or suspect you're lactose intolerant, you're far from alone. According to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NDDIC), a subsidiary of the National Institutes of Health, 30 to 50 million Americans are lactose intolerant. About 75% of African Americans and Native Americans are lactose intolerant, while over 90% of Asian Americans have the condition. In most cases, lactose intolerance gradually develops over time, from childhood into adulthood, and studies have shown that it is likely to be genet-

Just because you're lactose intolerant does not

necessarily mean you must forever give up milk and ice cream. There are plenty of manageable ways to deal with lactose intolerance. You can supplement your diet with a capsule form of lactase, which is taken before meals or added to milk to compensate for your body's deficiency in lactase. Also, you could try dietary alternatives that do not contain lactose. Many supermarkets carry lactosefree alternatives for milk, cream and yogurt. Soybased products have many nutrients found in dairy products, but without the lactose.

Still, the best way to avoid the unpleasant effects of ingesting lactose is to exclude it from your diet. Many products such as pre-prepared foods and chocolates can contain small amounts of lactose and, depending on your level of lactose tolerance, should be taken into account. Also, keep in mind that most lactose-containing products, such as milk, are a strong source of calcium. When avoiding these products, supplement your diet with calcium-rich substitutes in order to avoid adverse effects from calcium deficiencies, such as osteoporosis. Green vegetables, broccoli, and fish with soft edible bones, such as salmon and sardines all contain calcium.

Kung is a first-year Tufts medical student.

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popular media often perpetuated. "Archivist" is a provocative selection of books, movie posters, political cartoons and documents that stereotype Asians. From the collections of film editor Yoshio Kishi and actress Irene Yah Ling Sun. Curated by John Kuo Wei Tchen, MCA co-founder. www.moca-nyc.org

co-founder. www.moca-nyc.org (212) 619-4785 \$3; \$1 students & 65+ FREE: under 13, Fridays

Museum of Fine Arts, **Boston** To Jan. 16: "Zhang Huan: Seeds of Hamburg' To Jan. 5: "Sounds of the Silk Road: Musical Instruments of FEATURING: Over 100 unique instruments, Including a 19th-century Javanese gamelan, or traditional Indonesian orchestra; a Japanese shakuhachi endblown flute by early 20th-century master Yamaguchi Shiro; a Turkish 19th-century ud lute; an unusual Afghani chang jew's harp; Tibetan dung-chen long trumpets, each over 10-feet long; a rare Chinese bianging imperial jade ritual chime; and instrument s from Thailand, Burma, Korea and Iran. Every other Wed., 7-9 p.m.: Gamelan rehearsals open to public. www.mfa.org/exhibitions

www.mfa.org/exhibitions (617) 267-9300 \$15; \$13 seniors & students; \$6.50 youths 7-17; FREE: under 7, youths 7-17 on weekdays after 3 pm, weekends, and Public School holidays.

Peabody Essex Museum, Salem To July 23: "Taj Mahal: The Building of a Legend" FEATURING: about 40 paintings, photos and objects that explore the architecture of this site. www.pem.org/exhibitions (978) 745-9500 \$13, \$11 seniors, \$9 students

FREE: under 17

Rhode Island School of Design,
Providence, RI
to Feb. 12: "Japanese Prints and Their Influence in 19th Century France"
www.RISD.edu/museum.cfm (401) 454-6500
\$8, \$5 seniors 62+, \$3 students, \$2 youth 5-18, FREE: Sunday

Williams College Museum of Art,
Williamstown, Mass.
to Dec. 4: "Masterworks of Chinese Painting:"
FEATURING: Paintings of figures, birds, flowers and, most notably, landscapes that embody ideals of the Confucian scholar. Exhibition encompasses scrolls and album leaves from the Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties.
www.WCMA.org
(413) 597-2429

Worcester Art Museum
Worcester, Mass.
To Jan. 21: "Pillar-Print
Masterpieces: Glimpses into
Japanese Life, Legends,
Literature"
FEATURING: The pillarprint format was a challenge
to 18th- and 19th-century
woodblock-print masters.
Pillar-Print images (hashira-e)
were often mounted onto

paper hanging scrolls or pasted on interior pillars. www.WorcesterArt.org (508) 799-4406 \$10, \$8 seniors & college students, FREE: under 18, Sat. until noon

► MUSIC

Ning An, pianist Program includes Haydn Sonata Hob. XVI. in D no.42, Mozart a minor Rondo k. 511, Mozart Sonata major. K.576, Mendelssohn Variations Serieuses op.54, Chopin Rondo op.16, Chopin Sonata no.3 in b minor Sat., Oct. 22, 8 p.m. AT: Harvard Sanders Theatre \$25, \$10 students www.ChinesePerformingArts. (781) 259-8195 www.fas.harvard.edu/~tick-Harvard tickets: (617) 496-

▶TALKS

Wu Man Pipa and ensemble "Ancient Dances" Wu Man brings her ancient, lute-like pipa to the Western world. Chen Yi's opus, the central work in the program, juxtaposes images of Chinese calligraphy with music for pipa and percussion and multi-media expression. Fri., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. AT: Sanders Theatre, Harvard U., Cambridge www.celebrityseries.org Tickets: \$38, \$28, \$23 Tickets: (617) 482-6661

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs of
Contemporary Japan
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AT: Fitchburg Art Museum
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www.FitchburgArtMuseum.o
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\$7, \$5 seniors & students,

FILM

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Three Extremes Directed by Japanese cult figure Takashi Miike, Hong Kong's Fruit Chan, and South Korea's Park Chanwook In Fruit's "Dumplings," an actress wants the rejuvenating effects of a doctor's "special" dumplings, but discovers they have a horrifying ingredient. In Park's "Cut,"a film director is abducted by a vengeful stranger and forced to make an impossible choice. In Takashi's "Box," a beautiful novelist gets a mysterious invitation to meet at the site of her twin sister's death. Starts Fri., Oct. 28: At Kendall Sq. Cinema Cambridge www.LandmarkTheatres.com (617) 499-1996 film site: www.ThreeExtremes.com

I'll Be Seeing Her Directed by Kim So Young, prof., Korean National Univ. of the Arts, Dept. of Cinema Studies Mon., Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m. AT: Harvard Carpenter Center, 24 Quincy Street,
Cambridge
Sponsor: Korea Institute
Contact: korea2@fas.harvard.edu

Beijing Film Academy Student Short Films Fri., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. AT: Harvard Film Archive www.harvardfilmarchive.org Cambridge (617) 495-4700 \$10

►KIDS

"Curious George goes to Music School" George, the monkey, tries different instruments and learns about the powerful sounds and emotions of classical music. Flute, violin, cello, drums, piano and voice combine for the grand finale concert conducted by George himself! Suitable for ages 5 and up Sun., Oct. 30, 2 p.m. AT: Longy School of Music, Cambridge www.Longy.edu (617) 876-0956 ext. 500

▶EVENTS

ABCD Community Award Dinner To honor volunteers who build better Boston neighborhoods Fri., Oct. 21, 7-10 p.m. AT: Boston Marriott Copley Place (617) 357-7000

Asian Task Force Against DomesticViolence Silk Road Gala Sat., Oct. 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m. 5 p.m.: silent auction AT: Boston Marriott, Copley Place www.ATASK.org (617) 338-2350 \$85 community cost

"Wheel of Life Mandala" Center for the Study of World Religions Mon.-Fri., Oct. 24-28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m.: opening talk To celebrate its 45th anniversary, the CSWR hosts construction of the Tibetan sand mandala. On Friday at noon, Oct. 28, the ritual dismantling of the mandala takes place. Tea served Monday to Thursday at 3 p.m. AT: 42 Francis Ave., Cambridge, Harvard U. (617) 495-4476

▶EVENTS

"The U.S. and South Korea: Where We May be Going" Stephen Bosworth, former U.S. ambassador to Republic of Korea sponsor: Korea Institute Tue., Oct. 25, 4:30-6:00p.m. AT: Harvard CGIS South Bldg., 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge Contact: sylee@fas.harvard.edu

"How do the Todas Make and Sing Their Songs? Textual and Melodic Structure of the Songs of the Todas"
Peri Bhaskararao, Tokyo
University of Foreign Studies sponsor: Harvard Dept. of Sanskrit and Indian Studies Tue., Oct., 25, 5 p.m.
AT: 1 Bow Street,
Cambridge
Contact: sanskrit@fas.harvard.edu.

▶ CONGRATS!

... Yung Ho Chang, the founding head of the Graduate Center of Architecture at Peking University, who has been appointed head of MIT's Dept. of Architecture.

Mary Chin, recipient of ABCD's community award for her boundless volunteer commitment in the Asian community and beyond. Mary is the president of the Asian American Civic Assn. (the publisher of the Sampan).

Contact organizers directly to confirm dates, times, prices and locations. The Sampan is not responsible for schedule changes.

E-mail listings to SAMPANnews@yahoo.com. Please include the cost, phone number and Web site for the public. For "Congratulations," please briefly describe the award, promotion or accomplishment. For persons under 18, the parent's or legal guardian's contact information must be included. Send your birth and wedding announcements, too.



Kite Festival Unites Kids and Culture

In its third year of flying high, the East Meets West - Kite & Cultural Festival will take place on October 29 and 30 at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester.

The free event will feature a 450-feet-long Chinese dragon kite, yoga and taichi group exercises, and cultural performances. Kite-making workshops and demos will be hand, with plenty of space for kids and grown-ups to fly kites.

Those interested in performing at the event can contact the Chinese Multimedia Society at EastMeetsWest21@yahoo.com

•華美福利會[亞裔家庭學 習活動」,是針對家中有三 至十歲的子女或孫子女的 波士頓新移民而設, 旨在 幫助這些新移民能在學英 語的同時與他們的子女或 孫子女在英語上同步共 進。

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考試日期爲十月二十 四日(星期一)上午十點 鐘,請帶地址證明、近二月 家庭收入及子女出生證 明。查詢電話 617-426-9492 內線 212 鄧小姐 或到華埠天滿街 號查詢。

·北美華文作家協會紐英 倫分會暨哈佛中國文化工 作坊將於本月31日)晚間 7時30分至9時30分, 假哈佛大學燕京圖書館聚

會廳 (Common Room, 2 Divinity Ave.

Cambridge)舉行台灣文 學作品研討會,邀請劉俊 教授主講「美國華文文學 面面觀し

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·中華頤養院成立 20 周 年慶祝餐會將於本月 28 日(星期五)晚間6時,在 華埠龍鳳酒樓舉行。在頤 養院職工、院民家屬與社 區人士回顧前瞻過去和未 來的同時, 也將表揚創院 人陳金鳳、陳毓璇,以及曾 頌芸律師、阮國富博士,及 已故的陳郁立教授。

·波士頓華埠獅子會將於 本月30日(星期日)晚間 6時半,假華埠龍鳳大酒 樓舉行萬聖節化裝舞會, 並有化裝比賽等活動,入 場餐券每張25元。該會歡 迎各界人士踴躍參加,詳 情可洽(617)335-1473 關 麗莎(Lisa Kwan)。

·波士頓中華表演藝術基

金會將於本月22日(星期 六)晚間8時,在哈佛大學 聖德斯劇院 (Sanders Theatre)舉行鋼琴家安寧 (Ning An)獨奏音樂會。

生於北京、六歲隨父 母來美的安寧 (Ning An),擁有紐英崙音樂學院 藝術家文憑及碩士學位, 現任田納西州李伊大學 (Lee University)駐校藝 術家,在國際音樂獎項

上斬獲頗多。他也曾代表 美國參加在波蘭舉行的國 際蕭邦鋼琴大賽,獲評特 別獎。

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・南岸老年服務中心 (South Shore Elder Services)將於本月 25 日 (周二) 下午5時30分至 晚 8 時 30 分 , 假 Randolph 鎭 的 Lbmbardo's 舉行「老人的 將 來 」 (Aging Everyone's future)的會 議,主題包括家庭健康服 務、房屋搬遷、長期護理保

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會議中還有四場講

座,內容包括社會保險、財 產保存和先立遺囑,以及 與年老父母交流, 主辦方 還特別提供一個中文討論 組,華裔工作者將和與會 者以中文討論以上議題。 會議免費入場,參加者需 事先登記。活動將提供簡 單晚餐。參加者可電 (781)848-3910 分機 351 登記。

・麻省菩提學會千佛寺將 於本月23日(星期日)上 午9時30分,於該寺大雄 寶殿舉行大悲吉祥法會, 慶祝觀世音菩薩誕辰。當 日該寺還將舉辦一年一度 的義賣會, 有各種家庭物 品和自製齋菜出售。所得 善款將全數捐給巴基斯坦 地震災民。當日上午8時 30 分至 9 時 39 分, 該寺 有專車在昆士市中心地鐵 車站前提供接送服務。查 詢聯絡可洽(617) 773-7745。

・大波士頓區中華文化協 會(GBCCA)幹事會正緊鑼 密鼓地籌備將於本月 22 日(星期六)晚,在Saugus 鎮王朝豪庭餐廳舉行的 「卡翠納募款晚會」。

八桌每張餐券75元,其餘 22 桌每位 50 元。目前認 桌情形頗爲踴躍,75元桌 僅剩七、八個座位。

動詳情, 可治文協華人中 心(617)332-0377。

· 大波士頓區中華文化協 會 (GBCCA) 將於 10 月 22 日(周六)晚間 6時 30分 至午夜,在豪庭王朝餐廳 Œast Manor, Bennett Highway, Saugus, MA)舉行文協卡 翠納賑災晚會。

額、表演者提供捐款,和社 區人士解囊等方式,籌集 捐助卡翠納風災受害者的 款項。譚彩旋說,此次活動 得到王朝豪庭大力支持, 提供超值的海鮮宴。全場 共有30桌,其中八桌每張 餐券 75 元, 其餘 22 桌每 位50元。目前認桌情形頗 爲踴躍,75元桌僅剩七、 八個座位。

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全場共有30桌,其中 示,希望藉輕鬆方式,籌集 大量捐款, 救助卡翠納災 民, 歡迎各界人士報名表 演、購買晚會餐券、捐款, 所有募得的款項都將交給 有關購票捐款及活 美國紅十字會,詳情可治 文協辦公室,電話(617) 332-0337。

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・「2005年南瓜節」將於 22日(周六)中午12時至 晚 8 時在波士頓公園 (Boston Common)舉行。由 南瓜疊起的高 40 呎的南 瓜金字塔將歡迎上萬遊 人。現場活動內容包括攀 岩、Peter O'Malley 魔術 表演、製作稻草人、畫臉 晚餐包括龍蝦、鵲巢譜、葫蘆保齡球、兒童南瓜 迷宮、吐南瓜子比賽等趣 場表演。

活動詳情可瀏覽網站: http://lifeisgood com/festivals_ pumpkin/ContentPlus. asp?cmd=CONTENT& 文協會長譚彩旋表 arti-cleID =166。

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曾經名噪一時的先鋒 Ching-Wah Wong 都已在 示,「公司營業走下波的原 今年夏天離去。

> 先鋒電子廠當初儘以 \$30,000 成立於 1976 年, 後來在經濟蓬勃的 2000 年創造了\$45,000,000的 營業額。這個公司也雇用 了數百名員工, 其中多數 爲中國新移民。

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被華人經濟發展協會 (Chinese Economic Development Council) 邀請加入創立先鋒電子 廠的行列。這家電子廠原 先坐落在華埠的南街 210 號及必珠街 112 號。但後 來搬到南波士頓。

Chao 表示, 先鋒電子 廠的數位員工得知公司經 營不善早已開始離去,到 附近的其他電子廠如 Teradyne 工作。

雖然先鋒電子廠原先 創立的目的之一是, 爲中 國新移民提供工作機

但是今年年初,數十

位電子廠被遣散的員工在 華人前進會的協助下,抗 議並控告工廠超時低薪及 性別、年齡歧視,且沒有給 離職員工合理的遣散費。 但是, 法律確實也沒規定 公司必須給離職員工遣散 費。但抗議行動爆發後,當 時的董事成員蔣宗壬曾出 面表示, 離職員工的遣散 費標準是必須被調整。但 是,蔣不相信性別、年齡歧 視的問題, 認爲必須作詳

Chao 表示,「很多問 題是在公司營業開始走下 波是才開始發生的。我記 得 1999 年初,我們在龍鳳 酒樓辦有聖誕晚會, 且給

聯邦法院批准司法部與市府協議

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公司 Adcitron 的管理階 層爲先鋒電子廠的舊有雇

廠的職員。 Chao 表示, Chao 認爲,因爲新 「職員是公司成長的最大 功臣。」

11月移民截期,親屬移民有些進展 職業移民類全部與10月份相同

親屬移民類:

第一優先(公民的成年未 婚子女):原地踏步。

第二優先:2-A類(永久 居民的配偶及未成年子 女):移進一個月。

2-B類(永久居民的成年 未婚子女):移進一個月。 第三優先類(公民的已婚 子女):移進三周。

第四優先類(成年公民的 兄弟姐妹):移進六周。

職業移民類: 截期全 部與10月份相同

第一優先:全球:有名額。 中國大陸出生者: 2000.1.1

第二優先(具較高學位或 特殊能力者): 世界:有名

中國大陸出生者: 2000.5.1

第三優先一般類(技術勞 工、專業人員)::

世界:2001.3.1。中國大陸 出生者:2000.5.1

第三優先一般類A組(護 士):有名額。

第三優先其他(無技術勞 工,如:管家、保母)類: 2000.10.1。

第四優先(特殊宗教移民) 和第五優先(投資移民), 皆有名額。

2005年11月移民排期表 親屬移民類 職業移民類 世界 中國大陸 00/01/01 01/04/22 第一優先 第一優先 有名額 00/05/01 01/12/01 第二優先 第二優先 有名額 96/05/22 01,03/01 00/05/01 第二優先 98,05,08 第四優先 有名額 有名額 第三優先 第四優先 有名額 有名額 第五優先

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的方式介入選舉,有歧視 波士頓聯邦法院十 英語有障礙的亞裔和拉丁 月十八日晚批准「波士頓 選舉歧視案」兩造的協定, 裔選民現象。

正式確定波士頓市政府必 須爲華、越、西語裔選民提 供雙語選票、選民通知書, 及投票站翻譯員等服務。 波士頓亞裔及西語裔社區 人士宣稱,這是歷史性的 區的大勝利。

然而,這一判決也否 決亞美、拉丁社區組織及 個別團體,有意成爲這一 訴訟原告的申請。

美國司法部與波士頓 市府達成的協議, 要求波 市市政府必須爲投票站選 務人員和翻譯員提供訓 練,建立選民檢舉和抱怨 有關投票站不當情事的機 制,成立一個顧問小組,並 允許聯邦檢查員監視選舉 的進行。

今年7月29日,聯邦 司法部提出法律訴訟,指 控波士頓市政府及其投票 站工作人員以「不當影響、 強制,或忽視英語能力有 限的拉丁裔及亞裔選民」

9月15日,波士頓市 府與司法部達成協定,同 意改善情況,並在2008年 之前接受聯邦對波市選舉 的監督。

在本月17日的該案 進步,是波市少數族裔社 聽證會中,華人前進會、華 埠居民委員會、City Life / Vida Urbana 等七個華 裔和西語裔組織及個人, 再次提出加入訴訟成爲原 告的要求,以期增加選民 和社區組織對此協定落實 的監督。但此請求遭到法 官團否決。

華人前進會行政主任 駱理德表示,該會多年來 一直要求和爭取雙語選 票,「這是個了不起的成 就」,他說,「這也只有在新 移民選民願意發聲之下, 才可能實現的成就」。

西語裔組織 City Life 主任 Juan Leyton 說,這項判決很令人興奮, 「因爲這將增加我們社區 的政治聲音。這是波士頓

波士頓將首見中西越語選票 聽見波士頓市內英語能力 優先選民的聲音」。 市內有色人種社區的成 功」。 亞美法律援助處

風水掌天下 招証恩居士

掌相分先天後天 男女不同

性與女性稍有不同看法, 男性先看左掌爲先天,主 掌爲後天主管四十歲後之 運程,而女性呢?剛與男性 相反,女性要先右手後左 來看,兩掌要結合來看,方 可論斷命運之優劣。

首相之掌形會改變 的,通常五至十年內運程 變化,很容易看出命運之 優劣, 在手掌中預測到很 準確。

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管四十歲前的運程,而右 木形掌:木形掌的特點是 掌長指也長, 骨堅不露筋 骨,皮膚明潤,紋理細長清 秀,很有研究心,做事有計

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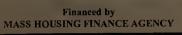
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波士頓第二區市議員候選人政綱論壇 James M. Kelly 及 Susan Passoni 就華埠問題提政見

裔團體於10月17日晚間 在華埠昆士學校禮堂,舉 行「波士頓第二區市議員 候選人政綱論壇」,已代表 市長曾要求發展商在提出 第二區長達 22 年的現任 James M. Kelly,以及挑 戰者 Susan Passoni 兩人 在論壇上,接受選民提問, 現場約有近兩百名選民參 加,大多數爲華埠居民,現 場並有粵語現場翻譯的服

眾多華裔社區機構代 表在政綱論壇上,針對平 價住宅單位、雙語服務、重 新規畫紅燈區、新移民就 業問題以及興建華埠圖書 館等華人關切的議題,要 求候選人作答。

平價住宅單位

波士頓華埠居民會提 居民中等收入標準,增加

波士頓 14 個少數族 表示, 平價住房的收入標 如近年將華埠泰勒街八十 準由聯邦制定, 市議會要 變更並不容易。

> Passoni 說, 五年前 新計畫時必須規劃 10%至 15%的單位給中低收入戶, 但又准許發展商以低於市 價購回,這是不合理的,民 意代表必須監督發展商回 饋社區。

重建局的職責

華人前進會質疑波士 頓重建局長久以來忽視華 埠地區。 Passoni 表示, 重建局最大的問題在於該 機構不須對任何人負責, 同時兼管計畫與開發兩個 項目,容易產生弊端,她若 當選,將督促重建局把計 畫、開發分開,並對民眾負 責。 Kelly 表示,重建局 出,要求重新定義波士頓 是有一些機制問題必要要 獲得改善。但是重建局對 平價住宅單位。 Kelly 華埠社區仍有許多貢獻,

七號規劃給華埠非牟利社 區組織作社區教育大樓, 讓華美福利會及中華廣教 學校有了永久會址。

紅燈區問題

華埠居民會執委黃願 明提出關於紅燈區位於華 埠內的問題, Kelly 表 示,在他任內與市長、其他 市政單位及所有華埠居民 的合作下,減少各項特種 營業牌照,使得黃色書店 目前僅剩三家, 黃色電影 院亦減少。

Passoni 則抨擊,當 初重建局以趕走紅燈區爲 由,徵收土地、興建豪華住 宅,使得華埠房價飛漲,居 民成爲最大受害者。她提 議藉由變更土地使用規範 (rezoning),將紅燈區徹 底遷出。

華埠安全問題

Passoni 表示,波士頓全 市的犯罪率下降了9%, 但個別種類的犯罪率卻上 升如凶殺案、搶劫案。如何 增加警力, 聘請更多的雙 語警員,正是他的一大重 點。 Kelly 表示,知道 華埠有個治安巡邏隊,他 不但捐過款也和治安巡邏 隊一起巡邏過。 Kelly 並提出應削減學校接送兒 童的運輸費用一千萬元, 以增聘兩百名左右的巡

幫華埠爭取圖書館

華埠青年計畫(CYI) 的青少年提出在華埠興建 圖書館的問題。凱利表示, 他目前正與相關機構討論 適合的興建地點,包括昆 士初中、25地段、與24地 段等。 Passoni 則承諾 一定會讓華埠擁有自己的

圖書館。

Kelly 表示,華埠近 五十年沒有一個圖書館, 確實不公平。這幾年來,他 曾經和華埠內倡導此計劃 的范王柳娥等人談論此 事,但是找到適當的地帶 是一個問題。 Kelly 繼 續,「可考慮的地點有前昆 士中學臨時校址所在的 A 地段、麻州公路局擁有的 二十五號地段及波士頓重 建局所擁有的。」

地方就業問題

Passoni 表示,選擇競選 分區市議員,就是因爲波 士頓第二選區非常多元 化。 Passoni 認爲波士 頓市需要更多的「公民學 校 (Citizen School)」, 讓不分老少的市民都有計 劃學習各種不同行業所需 的從業技能, 近而更容易 投入就業市場。市民得增 加納稅來辦理公民學校, 以保障營運,不被任意裁

Kelly 表示,希望 幫助地方民眾順利就業, 尤其是能進入各種行業, 包括餐館以外的建築業

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們看到華裔老人對老人看 護的極大需要。

辦人。Guen 出生在華埠牛 津街,後來成爲孤兒被送 到中國親戚家。

幼年的 Guen 在中國 待了十二年,於1946年回 到美國麻州,在波士頓學 院讀社會工作專業,後來 Tewksbury,

Brookline, Dorchester 及 Roxbury 等地的療養院 擔任義工。在這些療養院 裡, Guen 看到許多華裔 老人因語言障礙而被孤 立,「他們覺得非常無 助。」Guen 的弟弟,同時 也是華人頤養院創辦人之 一的陳毓璇表示,「你看到 他們再其他療養院難過的 樣子,不禁爲他們感到不 忍。」

雖然二十多歲的 Guen 已有創辦華人療養 院的構想,直到1974年這 個計劃開始被著手進行。

當時參與華埠幾家餐 館運作,包括龍鳳餐廳的 陳毓璇幫忙作最具挑戰性 的籌款工作。

創始人們每個星期一 會在龍鳳酒樓討論設立這 個華人療養院的計劃。

直到 1979 年, 創立華 人療養院的計劃慢慢地有 了具體的雛形。波士頓重

建局將 Shawmut 街 120 號的土地規劃給這個華人 Amy Guen 是主要創 療養院。創立者們向麻州 公共衛生局申請需要認定 執照 (Certificate of Determination Need), 後來 也獲得通

> 雖然麻州政府允許 這個療養院的興建、市政 府給予了土地,他們仍然 得繼續籌款才能讓這個興 建計劃得以落實。

因爲興建材料及其他 費用持續增加,療養院的 建設工程從 1977 年的三 百萬增加到 1984 年的五 百萬。 陳毓璇回顧當時 他如何試著向王安博士募 款,「剛開始療養院創始者 們在向王氏基金會要捐款 時有些困難。我"追隨"王

Cheung Chin 在中華頤養院度 111 歲生日



安本人,在一個華埠招待 練。 會中, 我告訴王博士, 「華 埠所有其他人都已經對這 個療養院興建計劃做出了 實際奉獻, 唯獨你還沒 有』)陳笑著繼續,「王安博 士馬上答應立即捐一萬

創辦者們雖然已向華 埠社區、波士頓的基金會 及商家募得幾十萬美金。 但是爲了取得房屋及市區 發展部的貸款, 創辦者們 必須在一個星期內取得另 外的 \$348,000。Helen Chin Schlichte 回想, 「要的不是保證信用優良 的推薦信,而是必須要現 金。」很幸運的在許多朋友 及商家的支持下, 創辦者 們終於在期限內籌得款 項。1984年4月14日,中

> 華頤養院的興 建終於破十動 工了。

這裡有部 份職員由中國 大陸直接到這 個療養院服 務,並接受專 業的老人病 痛醫療復健 訓練如多元 硬化症、腎臟 衰竭、老年痴 呆症及心臟 病的看護訓

在過去有十一年,中 華頤養院獲頒麻州公共衛 生部的醫療零缺點(zero deficiency) 的表揚。這 表示州府調查員在這家療 養院找不出任何可指責的 地方或問題。

在醫療照顧(Medicare) 的療養院之評鑒,中華頤 養院在 2003 年及 2004 年得到滿分的肯定。在最 近的評鑒表現,中華頤養 院被列出有三個不緊要的 缺點(non-critical

deficencies)。而這樣的 表現還是比麻州所有療養 院平均有六個不緊要的缺 點、全美療養院有八個不 緊要的缺點還要低很多。

董事成員暨創辦者之 的 Helen Schlichte 表示,「我們對 過去二十年來的表現表示 榮譽, 但也不能因此而驕 傲滿足。我們仍會繼續往 前進步,讓中華頤養院的 老人得到更佳的服務。」

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波士頓社區發展行動 組織(Action for Boston Community Development, Inc., 簡稱 ABCD) 將於今 日(十月二十一日),假波 士頓市區 Marriott Boston Copley Place 舉 行該組織成立 43 周年慶 抗貧窮, 長年來以幫助中 暨第卅一屆傑出社區義工 頒獎年會。會中將頒獎表 揚兩位華裔人士, 一位是 服務於波士頓醫療中心的 陳美霞 (Mary Chin),另

一位是義工張翠賢 (Cui Xian Zhang,音譯)。

會中還將表揚麻州 各社區所推薦的傑出義工 共19位,以感謝他們平日 的奉獻。波士頓社區發展 行動組織的成立宗旨爲對 低收入戶的居民脫離貧 窮、提高生活水準。

今年獲頒「特別獎」 的包括波士頓市長曼寧 諾,表揚他的領導能力以

> 及對波士 頓地區低 收入市民 的照顧。另 一位特別 獎得獎人 爲華美福

Association, AACA) 董事會 主席陳美霞。 陳美霞出生於麻州華

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人移民家庭,在波士頓醫 療中心 (BostonMedical Center) 擔任行爲健康門 診部門的臨床主任,她同 時還義務擔任華美福利會 董事會主席長達 20 餘 年。波士頓社區發展行動 組織行政總監卡德 (Robert M. Coard) 讚揚 陳美霞對波士頓地區華裔 民眾與低收入家庭長期以 來無私的奉獻。

另一位接受表揚的華 裔人士爲張翠賢,她擔任 波士頓社區發展行動組織 下屬的「老人扶幼服務計 (Foster Grand-parent Program) 義工長達14年的時間。



即將慶祝二十週年的中華頤養院 不以過去優秀成績自滿 再接再勵提升服務品質

原文:Diane Cordova 及 Adam Smith

在 Cheung Chin 但是到現在,她比她許多 (陳女士)的臉上不難看到 歲月的痕跡。在過去的一 世紀, 她經歷了文化大革 命、成爲中國共產黨的階 下囚、移民美國,九年前經 楚地、輕易地回顧她的年 歷丈夫的過世。

根據官方的出生資 料, 陳出生於 1896 年八 月。但是陳表示,她實際的 生日年份比官方上的記錄 更早兩年。所以,相信陳的 記憶, 她應該已經 111 歲

在她所稱的艱苦歲月 裡, 陳早期在中國的農村

在她約六十歲時,她 和家人爲逃離中國共產黨 的專制,移民美國。

的家庭成員活得還要久, 她的丈夫也在 1996 年時 去世。

雖然如此,她仍能清 輕歲月。她的行動受限於 輪椅,不會說英語。

和其他住在療養院的 老人一樣,她依賴護士和 其他醫療助理, 爲她準備 食物、幫她洗澡、盡量保持 活動力、給她舒適感及回 應任何可能的醫療緊急狀

如果不是在合適的療 裡工作,後在香港從事刺 養院裡,陳可能會和其他 不懂英語的華裔老人,在 一般沒有提供說中文及懂 中國文化的醫療人員之療 養院裡受到冷落或得不到

合適的照顧。

但是,幸運的陳在晚 年得到很好的照顧一她在 2001年住進中華頤養院, 目前她是華埠社區的老人 療養院裡年紀最大的老 人。而他所居住的中華頤 養院也將在下週末慶祝二 十週年。

近日筆者造訪中華頤 養院,看到陳與一群同伴 坐在他們的輪椅上打麻 將。打麻將也是他們在下 午常作的事。這些多是八 十幾歲和九十幾歲的老年 婦女在麻將桌上仔細地觀 察彼此的出牌。在每一輪 賽後, 她們甚至會爭論誰 才是真正的贏家。這都是 娛樂性的。

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